

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraph number notations refer to Applicant's published patent application US 2004/0151712 A1.

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 10/253,316, filed Sep. 24, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,699,905, issued Mar. 2, 2004, which is a continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 09/972,419, filed Oct. 1, 2002 Oct. 5, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,458,839, issued Oct. 1, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 08/955,860, filed Oct. 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,329,425, issued Dec. 11, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. Ser. No. 08/806,278, filed Feb. 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,100,296, issued Aug. 8, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Ser. No. 08/268,049 filed Jun. 29, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,650,435, issued Jul. 22, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Ser. No. 08/084,311 filed Jun. 29, 1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of ~~co-pending application~~ U.S. Ser. No. 07/748,349, filed Aug. 22, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of ~~co-pending application~~ U.S. Ser. No. 07/677,388, filed Apr. 1, 1991, now abandoned. The contents of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.